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1. [redacted] in Stavropol in February 1950, [redacted] an accident occurred during tactical exercises in Stavropol. 25X1
2. An exercise was organized by the HQ 4 Kuban Cossack Cavalry Div for the units of the Stavropol Garrison. The purpose of this exercise was apparently fighting inside the town. During the advance of the attacking troops a smoke-screen was used in the Market Square area. By mistake a poison gas was used which spread in the Market Square and adjacent streets. Fortunately a strong wind neutralized the effect of the gas but approximately 200 persons were poisoned. It took quite a long time before the panic was over, the victims taken to the hospital and order restored.
3. [redacted] There were no deaths, but most of the victims spent over a week in the hospital. The symptoms of the poisoning were vomiting and giddiness. A number of people fainted. 25X1

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4. The case was investigated by the Military and MGB authorities. The Chief CW Officer of the 4th Cavalry Div, Col Kakoyev, was on leave at the time and the officer responsible for CW was Capt Razumov, who was given a suspended sentence of five years imprisonment.

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